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Hon. C. H. McGruder of Houston, Texas, is one of the most loyal alumni of Straight. He received his A. B. from Straight College in 1900. Upon graduation he became Principal of the High School in Victoria, Texas, where he continued about fifteen years. While still in educational work, he became Secretary of the United Brothers of Friendship. The work of this fraternal organization made increasing demands upon his time, until finally he resigned his school work in order that he might promote the U B. F more effectively The U B. F is now one of the leading fraternal organizations in Texas, with headquarters in Houston, where they own a large and valuable property Among the activities of the U B. F is the loaning of money at a low rate of interest to struggling Negro Churches, and to individuals for financing their homes.

Mr McGruder is active in the church, both in state conference and in local work. In his Houston church he is Superintendent of the Sunday School and Director of the Choir, and his wife is organist. Mrs. McGruder, formerly Miss Nelly Donats, received her academic and musical education at Straight College. They have five children.

Mr McGruder is actively interested in various civic enterprises. Chief of these at present are a welfare organization that is aiding the unemployed, and the Cullingham Hospital, of whose board of directors he is a member